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BENEFIT CHOIR CONCERT HELD

The Paw Paw choirs under the direction of Mrs. Lois Helland made a small but heartfelt attempt to help disaster victims through a benefit concert last night.

The concert, titled "Heal the World", included songs such as "Hero", "The Future of Peace", and many solos , duets, and small group ensembles.

The choir hopes to have raised a thousand dollars.

by j.y. and s.t

EIGHTH GRADE ADVENTURE

June 7 the eighth grade will visit Michigan Adventure as a final all-class activity. They will depart at 8:15 and return between 5:30 and 6:00.

The adventure park includes a water park and an amusement park that is only open to school groups on special days like June 7. The cost per student is $7.00, which is half the usual rate.

ANNUAL Super Success May 21

Nearly 130 students attended the 8th grade annual last Saturday night.

The decorations were outstanding and all the applause and appreciation for wonderful food and fun goes to the PTO volunteers who did lots of work to make it a success.

Many thanks, PTO from the class of 98

ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE TODAY

Student council officers will be elected in balloting today in literature classes.

Applications had to be handed in by May to Mrs. Beyer from anyone interested in running. The campaign itself began Monday and speeches were played before channel 1 during literature yesterday.

To run for student council office you must have a grade point of 3.3.. That means you must have all A's and B's. Sixth graders could run for vice-president, corresponding secretary, secretary, and treasurer. Seventh graders could run for all of those but also for president.

Running for office are Lindsay Smith, Josh Tessar, Andy Goodman, Jenny Hulbert, Julie Vesey, Josh Ernstes, Suzzanne Overacker, Laura Anderson, Katie Abshagen, Amanda Yonkman, Jessica Price, Samantha Allen, Michael Martin, Angela Creameans, Sarah Carr, Jericho Groenland, Don Sellon, Jack Conway, Lance Danca, and Marshall Bailly.

TRACK SEASON HAS RUN OUT

The seventh grade team consisted of the following people: Heidi Wilhelmi, Jenny Jennings, Suzanne Overacker, Mandy Thomasma, Julie Vesey, Jenna Vanatta, Rene Rennhack, Lindsay Smith, Casey Charters, Carolyn Greenman, Adam Bartells, Jeff

Hodges, Warner Offord, David Williams, and Justin Avery.

Those running for the eighth grade are Pat Lee, Darrin Meyer, Andy Krause, George Richmond, Chris Brown, Marc Hodges, Zach Harling, Tim Staggs, Kevin Tenant,Casey Mendenhall, Amy Parker, Christy Taylor, Sarah Diemer, Margie Diemer, Becky Henley, Kellii Hart, Andrea Farber, Cody Handy, Julie Pokryfke, Aubrey Coles, Carissa Sweet, Emily Mattison, Michelle Wallace, and Kim Stover.

LARGE CROWD AWARDS NIGHT

Over 250 students received an award Tuesday night during an assembly including students and their parents and teachers.

Refreshments were served afterwards in the cafeteria. Student work was on display in the downstairs halls.

WORLD CUP TEAMS PRACTICING

The Soccer World Cup tournament is coming to Kalamazoo and many Paw Paw students will be involved on teams. This is the 15th world cup ever.

The first one took place in 1930 in Uruquay. Early in its history the World Cup was dominated by teams from Europe and South America. Now, Africa, Asia, North America and Central America all have spots in the World Cup, which makes it a genuine World Cup.

First round games taken place from June 17- 30, the second round is July 2-5, (except for Detroit) and the quarter finals are July9 and 10 in Boston, San Francisco, Dallas, and New York.

Semi-finals are in New York and Los Angeles July 13 and the third place finals are Jul 16 and 17 in Los Angeles.

Go USA!

by p. wheat

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Marjie Taylor, Heather Middaugh, Jenny Ayres, Michelle Owens, Jessica Chandler, Justin Harrison, Chris Schuster, Casey Mendenhall, Brent Shimnoski, Eileen Pardike, Rachel Lawson, Lauren McKenzie, Kristy Taylor, Cheryl Glidden, Jenny Kellerman, Michelle Sellinger, Andy French, April Stickels, Erin Coleman, Jenny Yerty, Andy Krause, Kim Holcomb, Jack Conway, Jim Hagg, Heather Sumner, Catherine O'Keefe, Carolyn Greenman, Justin Talbot, Justin Avery, Steve Hamilton, Alison Hathaway, Alison Surdy, Brandon Hewitt, Kerrie Hamilton, Brent Latta, Andy Goodman, Todd Freeman, Jericho Groenland, Winonah LaGrande, Angela Reidt, and Patti Wheat.

PPMS OFFICIAL DRESS CODE?

by j. conway

I. Boys may not wear skirts, dresses or blouses.

II. Boys will not wear bows in hair or make-up or notably female jewelry

III. Boys will avoid pink clothing of any kind.

IV. Boys caught wearing Bugle Boy clothing on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday will be expelled.

V. Boys may not wear black jeans on the day of a full moon.

VI. Girls may not wear shirts less

than 21" from the neck to bottom and must cover all skin.
VII. Students may not wear shorts less than 18" from belly-button to bottom and the shorts must have a really well-sewn hem.
VIII. Students may not wear cut-offs, rip-offs, tear-offs, or chew-offs.
IX. No headgear will be worn in the building, or you will be told to remove it. (toupees are an exception.)
X. Glasses, sunglasses, eye-poppers, or other spectacles will not be worn unless prescribed and the student has Elvis' autograph.

JR ERICKSON'S CORNER

Letter from Son:
Dear Mom and Dad,
Gue$$ what I need? Plea$e $end $ome $oon.
Best wi$hes,
Your $on.
Letter from parents:
Dear Son,
NOthing much is happening here. Please write aNOther letter soon.
Bye NOw, Mom and Dad

Best Selling Books:

Learn to Swim in 30 seconds
by Bea A. Fish
Beach Vacations Around the World
by Yul B. Sandy
How to Treat Poison Ivy
by I.M. Itchy
Insects are Your Friends
by Amos Keetah
Martial Arts
by Justin Case
Take Me out to the BallGame
by Hedda Homer

SCREWED-UP QUOTES

by j.c. and z.e.

"Problems are only opportunities on coffee break. "L. Richmond
"Taxes have nade more liars of the U.S. citizens than the game of ping-pong." J.Conway
"Woof." Z. Erickson
"No one said it was easy." J.Conway
"Nuprin. Little. Yellow. Different. "
Huh?

DEAR SAM,

How do I deal with all the stress from one of my classes? I never seem to have any time.
Drowning in Homework
Dear Drown,
I suggest you have a meeting with the teacher to talk over this problem. Lighten up , relax and do talk to him/her.
Dear SAM,
I am incredibly attracted to overweight bald men, What shall I do?
IRA the party dog
DEAR Ira,
I suggest you go after Mr. Potatohead and his bucket of parts.
DEAR SAM,
I am in love with my best guy friend. I like him a lot but I don't want to ruin our friendship. What should I do?
Help
DEAR Help,
You really should let your friend know of your feelings because if there is something there you will never know unless you try.
DEAR SAM,
Gargoyles float into my room at night. They are incredibly cute. What should I do?
Spotted Dog

DEAR S.D.,

Shut your window!

NEW 6th Graders...What to Expect

AS a 6th grader, I would have liked someone to tell me what was in store in 7th grade.

if you are in T-math, expect algebra and Mrs. Dobbs. Don't fall behind is my advice.

Biology will be what you study and yes you do have to dissect, but it's not as bad as everyone says it is.

If you're looking for more than just going to school, here are some things for next year.

Sports programs: track, volleyball, and basketball

Choir: learn to sing with Mrs. Helland

Band: If you took it this year, stick with it it. It's fun. Festivals and concerts.

Newspaper: Journalism and just plain writing and reporting

Student Council: As a 7th grader you can become an officer.

STUDY HABITS by c. greenman

When you do study, which is not often, do you follow the rules? If you're not sure, check these out.

Rules:

1. Always have a lifetime supply of chocolate nearby.
2. Never study without the music up high.
3. Make sure you're in a good spot to be able to see all the cute boys and girls.
4. Always do your homework. NOT!

Checking with a few of you here's what I found. Says Pat Wing, "I insist on studying at 12 a.m." Thanks Pat. I wouldn't but hey if it works for you...

Megan Frazier says she studies "Lying upside down on the couch." Maybe the info runs from her feet to her head. Jericho says, "I sit in a tree with a head set on." I'm not surprised, Jericho.

"I put a book on my head and learn through diffusion, " Winonah says. I understand your grades now, Winonah.

Finally, Matt Lawson says he studies with his bikini on. Pretty weird.

WANT ADs

24" Mountain bike, Huffy 12 -speed for sale...$55. Good shape. See Mrs. Swanson for details.

Problems? Write Ali B. Talkin'. Your answers won't be printed or exposed to the public. Just put your problem on paper, your name, grade and your fifth hour teacher., Then slip it inside locker 102 downstairs between the lunchroom doors.

Alison S.

TIME CAPSULE ITEMS for 2004

If you could put one thing into a time capsule what would it be?

Jack Conway would include "Power Ranger underwear." Jeff Stull would put in "baseball cards." Jeremy Tripp would include " basketball cards." Kim Holcomb would add, " Coin collections." Tony Koppers would put in " a frozen package of school lunch." Heather Sumner would include" chocalate candy" while equally food-oriented Kristy Lietzau would put in

"A coke."

Angela Reidt suggests ," a picture of the school in 1994." Brandon Hewitt would put in a picture of all the kids in the school."
by j. hagg

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED?...

1. That the ketchup and mustard is all on one side of the hamburger?
2. That wherever you sit the campfire smoke always blows your way?
3. That you never have exact change when you need it?
4. That school lunch moves around as if it were still alive (which it probably is)
5. That there's more cotton in the pill bottle than there are pills.
6. That I'm starting to get bored with this story... so six is all I'm doing.

Winonah

ONLY 12 DAYS of SCHOOL LEFT

June 13, 14, and 15 are half-days. Exams will be given those days and you will be out of school by 10:45. It could be worse. It could have snowed more days!

OPINIONS...WE HAVE 'EM

In my opinion, I think your grades shouldn't matter when running for student council office. The only thing that should matter is if they think and the teachers think they would be able to do a good job. If so, they should be able to run.
Brandon Hewitt

Attention all 7th grade volleyball players. Thank you for turning in your uniforms even though Lori didn't collect them. We think we did a good job considering she cancelled most of the practices. How do you feel about it?
Angela Reidt and Kerrie Hamilton

In my opinion, I feel that an exercise which gives no one I know any physical fitness is just there for amusement. Fellow guys, do you too feel jumping jacks to be unnecessary and embarrassing?
Brent Shimnoski

Having litter, graffiti , unflushed toilets and other unsanitary things is very embarrassing and degrading to this school. When I moved here from South Haven, I thought that this was a very unclean place and I personally find it hard to have pride in a school with such uncleanliness.

I think we should put an effort forth to keep the bathrooms as well as the rest of the school clean for the sake of all who use and will be using them. Please try to keep the bathrooms clean as you would in your own home bathrooms.
(preferred to go unnamed)

GOOD BYE SOUSHI!I

Through this wonderful year of ups and downs we've had one steady thing... soushi. Issue in and issue out, we've had one story after another about wonderful soushi. But since this is the last issue of the year and Soushi's last year (since the writer is an 8th grader), he wants to say good-bye to all of you with hugs and kisses. Soushi also wants some brave writer to succeed the current one and continue the trend. Let it be Velveeta or Purina Dog Chow... or even Double Double Chex Chex. Be creative. Thank you.

Lauren McKenzie

MRS. SCHLARMAN JOINS STAFF

Mrs. Schlarman is Mr. Aubry's assistant. She will help Mr. Aubry by working in the ISS room and watching us in the hallways.

We asked her what she thought of our school and here's what she said. "She loves the building and so far she likes the kids and looks forward to meeting everyone."

We asked her what her history was. She told us that she used to work as a teacher/ counselor in Paw Paw High School. She has never had any athletic experience in anything. She has worked at Isle Park Community Ed. She is originally from Wisconsin and has three sons and three daughters.

She has lived in Paw Paw since 1989.

Some of her hobbies are crossword puzzles , her horses , eating and knitting in the winter, That's some of what we found out about her in the time we had so maybe you can learn more about her in the time she's here.

Alison H. and Kerrie H.

HOROSCOPES... HOHO

Gemini: a letter of importance will arrive soon

Cancer: your love life will change at the end of school

Leo: Your sense of belonging may be changed

Virgo: To party? or not to party? That is the question you will have to answer in late June

Libra: At the end of the school year you may become right-brained

Scorpio: To atttempt the impossible won't be hard this month

Sagittarius: Your partying skills are in desperate need of help

Capricorn: The end of school will depress you.

Aquarius: A summer job could help your money situation.

Pisces: Don't be afraid of finals. They will be a breeze.

Aries: A new-found friend will desert you soon.

Taurus: Life as you have known it will change soon.

jericho and winonah

WHAT RULE Would YOU DROP?

Here's what many of you said when asked what you'd drop or add in the rules.

Charlie Russell would drop the dress code along with 47% of the people we talked to. T.J. Gould , Casey Kern and Mark Argo all think we should drop the no-contact rules as long as kids don't get way out of hand.

Justin Bass thinks we should have more tardies before we get a detention. Brandon Hewitt thinks that if we are in a rush to get to class and we're behind someone slow we should be able to slide down the rails! Zack Hanson thinks we should have aides because we can take care of ourselves.

Cindy Coulson thinks we should have a pop machine on during lunch. Andrew Alexander says that he would let everyone eat during class. Nathan Kalmbach thinks we should have longer breaks. Finally, Ryan Blackburn says he would be lenient on

detentions.
kerrie and angela

DRESS CODES... our opinions

What I don't understand is the rule about sweatpants. Is it hat they get a little stinky? The rule is made that we can't wear them without pockets. OK, maybe the smell isn't the problem. Maybe it's too casual. But then if so, why allow sweatpants with pockets? The answer is beyond me.

There could be two kids who wore grey Michigan State sweatpants. The only difference is one has no pockets....which you can't tell because they both wear sweatshirts. They're both being ignored because they stink to high heaven by 4th hour and they fell asleep during second hour because they were so casual and relaxed. The one with no pockets gets in big trouble and has to call home. For some reason, this doesn't seem right to me.
Erika Selby

FIFTH GRADE ESSAYISTS EXPRESS FEELINGS ON MIDDLE SCHOOL

The following essays are the best from each of the fifth grade classes. Some may be condensed for space.

The winners are Natalie Alden, Amber Wheatley, Lindsey Forward, Noell Russell, Jim Zirkle, and Melanie Lanter.

Natalie writes, "Going to middle school sounds like fun but it also sounds a little scary because of all the changing of class. It will be a little easier because it's on one floor. That's what my sister said. I think it will take some getting used to."

Amber tells us, "I feel like I'm going to pass my first period so quickly that I could never understand anything. Also I feel that I wouldn't understand anything since this is my first year at the middle school.

I'm nervous about what the teachers are like, what the school is like, what the people are like. Also I'm nervous about what the other kids will be like. Will they be mean, will they be nice?

I'm looking forward to ...meeting new teachers, a new bus driver...to just talking at recess, so you can get to know each other better.

I'll miss having bars to play for flips and swinging. I'll miss the old friendly faces when I go to Middle School because they have been so nice."

Lindsey says, "Going to the middle school will be a big change. We will have to switch classes every hour and meet different teachers. I am very short and I am afriad that I won't be able to reach the top of my locker. "

"We will have morefriends. We will have a couple of friends for each class. I think changing classes will be fun so we can talk to our friends during school without getting into trouble."

Jim says, "it will be fun because they treat you like adults. We'll have our own locker instead of desks. We will be going from class to class. That will be fun because in elementary you only stay in one

class. The teachers are very nice. We will have special classes like art and band. If we have homework, there is study hall to do some of it. All of this will be cool."

Noell says, "It will be kind of scary and kind of cool. It will be scary because you're going to be at a different school, not knowing the teachers. But on the other hand, it might be fun because you get know other people. And you get to know older kids. You also get to know new teachers. You don't have to stay in one class all day....so actually it will be more fun and interesting than scary."

Says Melanie, "It will be fun because you get to do a lot of new and fun things like band, student council, gym, and a lot more.

I like the middle school. It is big and cool. Middle school seems so fun going to one class after another. Some people say middle school is so hard but I think it won't be hard, or easy. Going to middle school ...makes me feel like I am more mature than I am now. I will have fun."

Thank you to all the fifth graders who wrote, to all the fifth grade teachers...Mrs. Toms, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Chudzlinski, Miss Bennett, Mrs. Vall, and Mrs. Palasinski. Also thanks to the sixth grade teacher who helped read the finalists and to Mrs. Beyer and Mrs. Markovich from Mrs. Swanson.

THE EIGHTH GRADE SURVEYS

As a tradition we always ask eighth graders what they will miss most about the middle school, what advice they would give to younger middle schoolers and what they would leave to whom and why.

WE WILL MOST MISS...

Desiree Danger will miss " the teachers the most." Henry Longjohn agrees and adds, "Most of them have had my parents and relatives." Nick Shott will miss "TAG because it gives me time to get my homework done."

Jennifer Yerty will miss"the big locker that we had in 6th grade, Science Olympiad, the teachers that were nice and intelligent, and the bizarre paint colors of the classrooms." Sam Mesick will miss "the familiarity and some of the teachers." Brent Shimnoski says, "Buffy- she's cool. Martha- she's cool. Mr. Wilson- he's cool . Mr. Ruesink- he's cool too. Jim- he's the coolest." Caty Bloink will miss"Mr. Snyder because he was the coolest teacher I have ever had." Milt Edwards will miss "Mrs. Beyer...my favorite teacher." (Milt says if you want to call his mom it's 657-..whoa we don't publish phone numbers.)

Kevin Podkol will miss"going outside because in the high school you can't go outside." Jessica Hanley will miss "Mr. Wilson because he's funny and gives a lot of freedom." Cheryl Glidden will miss "knowing where everything is because in the high school I won't know where all my classes are. Also the short hours of being in a class, and some of the nice but good teachers I'll miss."

Margie Diemer says," I'll m iss

some of the teachers who were than just a teacher to me. I could talk to them and they told what they thought about me. I will miss student council this year. " Steve Barrett will miss " being the oldest kids in the school ...the great cafeteria, the huge gym, and all the teachers and getting hall passes."

Kristen Schull will miss " some of the teachers like Mrs. Swanson and Mrs. Beyer. They are really nice. I'll miss the fire and tornado drills because we get to skip class." Erin Vesey will miss " getting out of class all the time , a few teachers and most of all Mr. Edinger's wonderful history music. (He'll play it for you too.)" Justin Mount will miss " the huge gym, the spacious cafeteria, and the up=to=date equipment."

Rob Oswald will miss " the playground. I'm still looking for the five dollars in dimes I lost." David Lakey will miss" some of the teachers who helped me out when I was in trouble. They understood some of the stuff I didn't understand. They went out of their way to do something for me that will help me in the future." Heather Verburg will miss"knowing everyone." Chris Schuster will miss "Some of the teachers who changed my life: D. Snyder, C. Swanson, and B. Ruesink."

Isaac Francisco will miss" the heating system because it kept me warm in the winter. (Yah right.)" Kristen Stoynoff will miss " Mr. Snyder the most because he always helped me with problems I had and got me on the Olympiad team." Alison Alden will miss "Mrs. Greensley." Ian Healy will miss "Mr. Aubry." Emily Sibert will miss" Mr. Edinger's dry humor because it's sp dumb you have to laugh." Destine Barden will miss" the trips to Formula K." Sarah Grimm will miss" Being the top people in the school."

Chris Brown will miss" recess because it's kind of a time to relax and talk to friends." Lauren McKenzie will miss Mrs. Swanson. Erika Harvey will miss "Study hall most of all." Cody Handy will miss "most us having German class because it's fun." Kari VanDussen will miss" our lunch breaks because all our grade was together and next year we won't be. " Kim Emerson will miss "Angie because she's leaving at the end of the year and Mrs. Swanson's fun class and also the great lunch room." Nick Melnyk will miss "about six or seven good teachers."

Jessica Chandler will miss "having 6th and 7th graders look up to you." Greg Barr will miss"recess which we won't get in high school." Amber Atwater will miss "Mr. Snyder and Mrs. Beyer and all the other teachers and aides." Josh Slager will miss "Recess." Erik Strawser will miss "Mr. Waterworth. He's a great teacher." Soretta Echols will miss " all the teachers I had this year." Holly Waite will miss "Mr. Erickson because he was my favorite teacher."

Michelle Sellinger will miss "all the teachers and all my friends."

Kellie Ignacek agrees.

ADVICE TO 6th and 7th graders...

Carrie Martin suggests, "Do your homework and pay attention in those boring classes." Maria Hoffmann says, "Be young, have fun, renew, recycle, reuse.. drink pepsi and watch for falling bricks." Tim Staggs says, " make sure to get into sports." Joey Jasso adds, "Do what the teachers say." Bonnie Pursley says, "If you write notes in Mr. Topp's class, take the detention." Andy Krause warns, "Don't eat the hot dogs, don't be afraid of Mr. Ruesink and if you know at least half of Mr. Edinger's jokes, get a life." Carisa Sweet says, "Stay awake, do your homework, have fun." Angie Olivarri warns, "If the teacher is having a bad day, sit in your seat and keep your mouth shut." Tanisha Brown says, "Don't act stupid because the teachers get stricter along the way." April Stickels says,"Don't be so immature." Marc Hodges tells you, " Laugh at all Mr. Edinger's jokes, no matter how bad they are and how bad you want to cry after hearing them. Watch for falling bricks and call Mr. Topp,MR. TOPP and nothing else."

Kelly DeRight says, "Have fun." Kim Stover says, "Have fun while you can, 7th graders. The year goes really fast." Dan Haire says,"Drink lots of caffeine before going to social studies." Travers Bohenstiel thinks "There is no advice. There's nothing you can do to make it better." Sarah Thomas warns," Don't drink the milk. Take newspaper. Don't get caught kissing in the hall."

Shell Krumrei says, " 8th grade is the best year in the middle school. OK it's corny but I couldn't think what else to say." Becky Henley says, "Bring cotton for Mr. Edinger's jokes." Dan Arnold suggests, "Buy a new joke book for Mr. Edinger ." Michele Wallace says, "8th grade is lots of fun and Mrs. Dobbs gives lots of homework so be prepared."

Doug Blower says, "Get to class on time but you don't have to rush." Linda Garcia says,"If you haven't already had one, hope you don't get a small locker." Nancy Soule suggests,"Pay close attention to Mr. Snyder because you'll learn a lot. For next year's 8th graders make sure you get certain teachers you know you'll like." Emily Mattison says," 6th graders, relax. 7th grade is fun. " Ryan Riegle says, "Don't get on Mrs. Dobbs' bad side and be quiet and do your homework in her class."

Mike Whipple thinks"8th grade is the best of all grades but high school is a lot better." Rachel Lawson says,"Be yourself, don't put a lot of effort into being popular or trying to be perfect. It doesn't matter what other people think about you; it matters what you think of you." Chad DeLorenzo says, "Do your work and pass so you can get out of middle school as fast as you can." Maribel Bugarin says," Don't step over the new 6thgraders. Watch out for them." Justin Harrison suggests,"Bring your own lunch, 6th

graders. 7th graders ...8th grade isn't so cool...What's cool is that it brings you closer to 9th grade."

Nate Varnesdeel wraps up this section saying, " (you'll get) no advice from me."

OUR WILLS..What we'll leave to whom and why?

Amanda Cook leaves " my books, locker anything else having to do with school to Megan Frazier." Christy Taylor leaves " MArgie for Josh because I know she'll be sad to go. Ha!" Beth Tapper leaves " to Chris Tapper, Craig, B. and Ryan Tapper, the whole middle school. To Josh Tessar I leave my locker, my homework, what I have left." Kelli Hart leaves, "Mr. Watterworth was my grandpa so I want to leave him to someone nice. He's the best teacher." Lindsey Nufer leaves " my 6th grade science tests to Emily Pasman." Sarah Diemer too would donate her old tests to 6th and 7th graders. Rich Winters leaves his "organs to the science lab." Ken Thomasma leaves" the awesome basketball uniforms." Chip Wright leaves "my room to my dog because he likes it." Doug Hart leaves his locker to "whomever." Jenny Ayres leaves " front center seat in Mr. Snyder's room to mny brother because he loves science and Mr. Snyder is a great teacher."

Lauren Hentchel will leave " locker 380. I leave hundreds of ants, pieces of candy and spit balls. Enjoy." Brandy Stacy leaves " my math book to Renee Harris with all the answers in it." Mandi Nelson leaves " my locker to my best friend MAndy Pyard." Heather Middaugh leaves " my 6 inch wide locker to my brother John and the ants that crawl in it to him too. I want him to have the best." Jason Griffin leaves "all my homework to my cousin Boop..Bobby Fodor."

Pat Lee leaves " a brochure for ear reduction to Josh Tessar." Anthony Rohr leaves " everything to my brother who needs all the help he can get." Rebecca Cole leaves " my personality to Missy Forbes and Alison Hathaway." Erin Coleman leaves " my locker to Kristen Cooper." MArjie Taylor leaves " Erin Oakleaf everything I have had." Daryl Bush leaves "Everything to my friend Brian." Ramon Martinez leaves " my locker to some annoying person because it always gets stuck." Shanna Wendell leaves " advice... just cuase you're in 8th grade doesn't mean you're cooler than anyone else." Amy Withers leaves" my locker to Mandi Thomasma just to be nice and share something with a good friend."

Julie Pokryfke leaves " my brain to the 7th graders to dissect. Have fun. There's plenty of empty space to go around." Lauren McKenzie leaves "all my soushi to Mrs. Swanson." Eileen Pardike leaves " to my brother Mack all my happy memories and all of my favorite teachers." Kevin Tenant leaves " scissors for Justin Avery who needs a haircut." Rachel Beyer leaves " my sister Rosemary. I won't be in middle school with her next year and I'd like her to know I am with her in her heart. Be nice to the

boys."

Jared Rotzien and Jeff Kandler left "nothing." while Jessi Schaefer said "I don't have enough things to leave anybody."

AT THE BAT by D. Miller

The sun glared into his eyes as he stood at home plate gripping the bat and waiting for the next decent pitch. On the mound was"Fats" LaRussa who pitched harder than anyone he'd ever seen. Even though Fats had speed he didn't have accuracy to go with it so chances were that you would either walk or get hit, hard.

After three pitches it was 0 and 3. On the fourth pitch he saw a perfect pitch to hit. He watched it come in straight as an arrow and swung with all his strength and ...whiff, he missed by a foot. The next pitch was just as good but slower, but he whiffed again.

The count was full and the runner was getting restless on second. This time Fats put all the speed he could muster on the ball and ... wham! It slammed him right in the leg even though he jumped back about two feet! He fell to the ground as if acted on by some magic force.

Within seconds he saw most of his teammates' faces hovering above him. "I'm okay just took me by surprise , that's all," he said as he hopped to his feet, really feeling the pain for the first time, yet trying to disguise it.

He jogged to first base and took a big lead off. Then he heard a loud "crack" and saw the ball sail over the fence. That homerun won the game.

Later as he and Tony were walking home they talked about how they were in the running for the east side championship for the first time since their brothers (who both played at college now) had been on the team. Also they talked about how Fats shouldn't be allowed to pitch unless he could get it under control. They ran fast as they could through all the gang territories that surrounded the baseball fields, deciding to meet in the morning.

WHAT STAFF WILL MISS MOST ABOUT THE 8TH GRADE ETC.

A new twist on the old what we'll miss is what will they miss about us? Also who in the eighth grade livens things up? by a.s., e.c., and j.c.

Miss Grabowski will miss "Their good art work and moaning and groaning when asked to do something hard." Mrs. Helland will miss "Their sense of humor. " Mr. Cassell will miss "Their bubbly attitude." Mrs. Swanson will miss "Chris Schuster! (told ya I'd say that)... and most everyone in the 8th grade. It's been a fun year and especially the Deutsche klasse. As far as livening things up, I suspect we do it mutually... plus this is a political question whose answer if specific will always be politically incorrect."

Mr. K. will miss " the kids who really work the most...listen to the P.E. awards." Mr. Wilson will miss "nothing" but we knew he was kidding. Mrs. Beyer will miss "Erin

and Milt...and Joey."

Mrs. Nufer will miss" Tom Johnson and your big smiles." Mrs. Mahanty will miss" the classroom experience and likes 'em all," she says. Mrs. Kalisiak will miss"Kim's help 6th hour, the charm and interest of Nate Varnesdeel, Milt Edwards, and Lucas Mansberger in class. " Mr. Erickson will miss "the smiles in first hour and for livening things up there's Chris S., Ryan R., Sarah Maxwell and Josh Slager."

Mrs. Dobbs will miss" they are very likeable people." Mr. Watterworth will miss" their class personality as a whole....and Milt and Pat Lee."

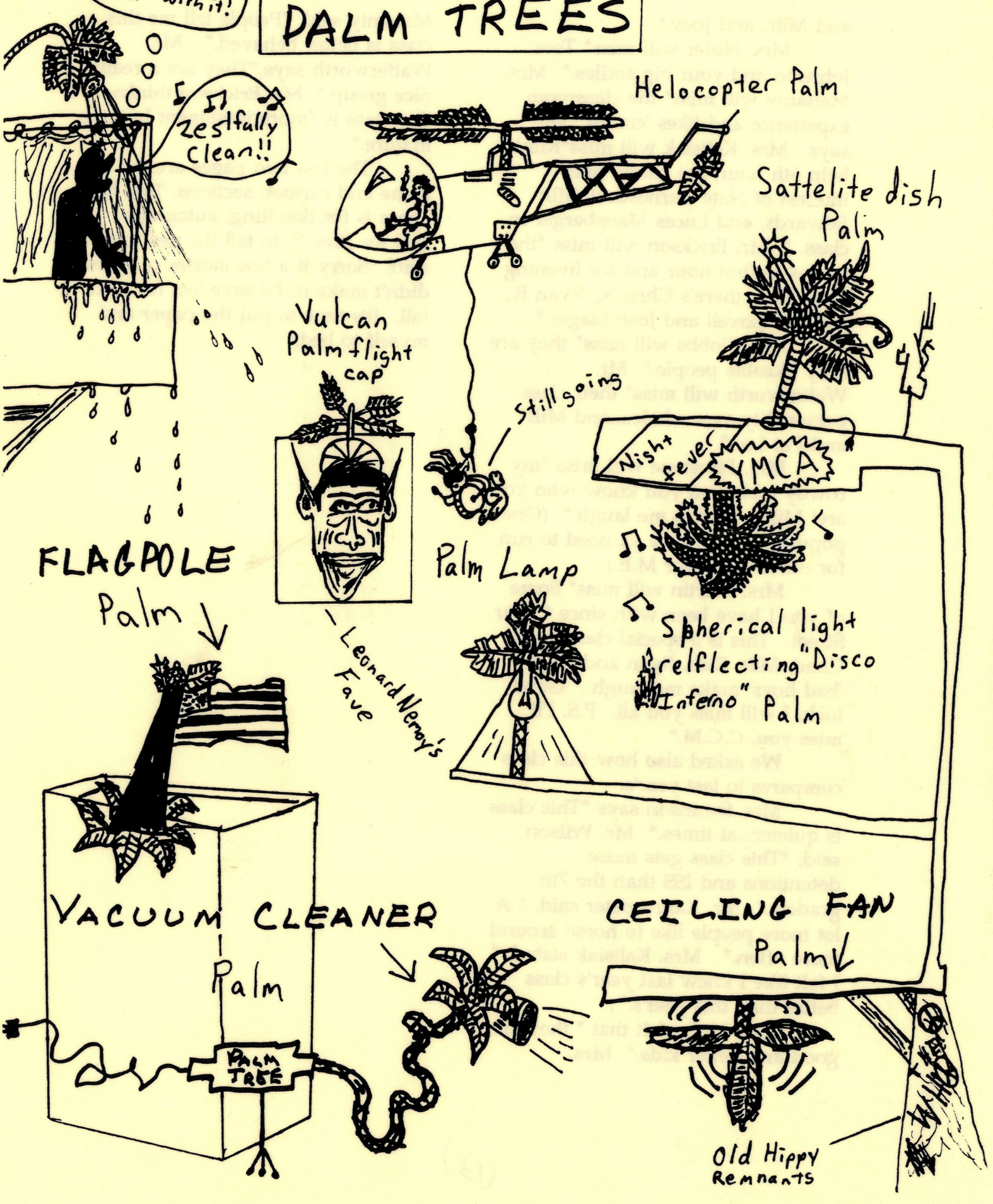
Mrs. Firestone will miss "my rowdy table and you know who you are! Milton makes me laugh." (One popular guy...maybe ya need to run for office next year M.E.)

Mrs. Martin will miss" Some of you I have been with since Cedar Street. This is a special class to me. Chad, Milt, Rick, Ryan and all the 'bad boys' make me laugh . Good luck, I will miss you all. P.S. I'll miss you, C.C.M."

We asked also how this class compares to last year's.

Mrs. Swanson says "This class is quieter...at times." Mr. Wilson said, "This class gets more detentions and ISS than the 7th graders." Mr. Kannegieter said, " A lot more people like to horse around more often." Mrs. Kalisiak stated, " I felt like I knew last year's class better than this year's."

Mrs. Nufer felt that " they are good and better kids." Mrs. Mahanty said, "People tell me this class is better behaved." Mr. Watterworth says,"They are a really nice group." Mr. Erickson thinks this class is "more intelligent but less mature."

The last two pages are the game and cartoon sections. This little space is for doodling, autographs and for Mrs. S. to tell the next year's staff, "Sorry if a few stories or jokes didn't make it. I'll save 'em for next fall. It's time to put the paper and myself to bed."

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